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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 1, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Response to restriction requirement begin on page 9 of this paper.